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SUBJECT: MORGENPOST BREAKS KARELIN SPY STORY

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1. SUMMARY: BERLINER MORGENPOST HAS BROKEN STORY OF INDUSTRIAL INTELLIGNECE ACTIVITIES OF FORMER MEMBER OF SOVIET WEST BERLIN TRADE OFFICE, VADIM V. KARELIN (REFTE). ACCOUNT IS ACCURATE IN ITS DETAILS, SOME OF WHICH ARE OF A NATURE WHICH WOULD SUGGEST ALLIED OR BERLIN LFV LEAK RATHER THAN SALE OF STORY BY ONE OF WEST BERLINERS INVOLVED WITH KARELIN. END SUMMARY.

2. SUNDAY JULY 25 BERLINER MORGENPOST DEVOTED HEADLINE AND LEAD FRONT PAGE ARTICLE TO ACCOUNT OF ACTIVITIES OF SUSPECTED SOVIET INDUSTRIAL INTELLIGENCE AGENT VADIM V. KARELIN. ARTICLE DESCRIBES KARELIN'S MODUS OPERANDI FOR INGRATIATING HIMSELF WITH WEST BERLIN
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BUSINESSMEN AND USING THEM TO OBTAIN SPECIAL COMPUTER,

LASER AND OPTICAL EQUIPMENT WHICH BUSINESSMEN LATER FOUND WERE IN VIOLATION OF "EMBARGO REGULATIONS" AND IN ONE CASE OF "HIGHEST NATO SIGNIFICANCE." MORGENPOST REPORTS THAT WHILE KARELIN'S DEPARTURE FROM WEST BERLIN REMAINS A MYSTERY TO HIS FORMER WEST BERLIN BUSINESS CONTACTS (WHO HAVE BEEN TOLD A VARIETY OF STORIES BY SOVIET TRADE OFFICE, INCLUDING ONE THAT KARELIN NEVER EXISTED) IT "APPEARS LIKELY" TO MRGENPOST THAT KARELIN WAS FORCED TO DEPART WEST BERLIN UNDER ALLIED PRESSURE. KARELIN, MORGENPOST REPORTS, HAS BEEN ABLE TO REMAIN IN EAST BERLIN.

3. COMMENT: WE HAVE ATTEMPTED UNSUCCESSFULLY TO ASCERTAIN ORIGIN OF MORGENPOST ARTICLE. POSSIBILITY EXISTS THAT SOME WEST BERLINERS INVOLVED MAY HAVE GONE TO MORGENPOST VOLUNTARILY, AFTER HAVING READ AN EARLER ARTICLE ON SOVIET INDUSTRIAL ESPIONAGE. HOWEVER, SOME OF THE DETAILS IMPLY ALLIED OR LFV SOURCES.

4. WE HAVE KNOWN FOR SOME TIME THAT KARELIN WAS NOT TAKEN BACK TO MOSCOW, BUT MERELY MOVED TO EAST BERLIN. THE BRITISH MISSION HAS RECENTLY PRESSED FOR THE ALLIES TO GO TO THE SOVIETS AND COMPLAIN ABOUT HIS CONTINUED PRESENCE IN BERLIN. WE AND THE FRENCH HAVE DISAGREED WITH THIS PROPOSAL, SINCE THERE IS NO REALISTIC BASIS ON WHICH WE CAN OBJECT TO SOVIET PERSONNEL IN EAST BERLIN. IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT WE ONLY REQUESTED THAT KARELIN BE REMOVED FROM THE WESTERN SECTORS IN THE FIRST PLACE. GEORGE

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